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## PINE CREST HOSTS U.S. - RUSSIA BILATERAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION'S SWIMMING EXCHANGE

## Swimming Sports Visitor Program Brings Delegation of Russian Youth To Fort Lauderdale Campus

**Fort Lauderdale, FL** – Pine Crest School and members of Pine Crest School's Swim Camp will serve as international ambassadors when a group of Russian youth visit the Fort Lauderdale campus for an international swimming exchange July 16-30, 2010.

The U.S. Department of State's SportsUnited Office is partnering with the U.S. Olympic Committee to host the Russian delegation of 12 boys and seven girls, ages 13-16, four coaches, and one team leader. This Swimming Sports Visitor Program will be carried out under the auspices of the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission's Education, Culture, Sports and Media Working Group.

Pine Crest School's premier swimming camp was selected as the venue for the program. The camp is led by USA Swimming National Team coach Jay Fitzgerald. At the camp, Russian participants will learn swimming techniques and participate in cultural activities alongside their American and international counterparts. Participants in the program will also take part in SportsUnited core sessions on disability sport and conflict resolution, and will visit local community organizations.

The Pine Crest Swim Team is a USS year round competitive swim team offering high quality professional coaching and technique instruction for all ages and abilities. The team provides every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability, from novice to international competitor.

Pine Crest is an all-faith, college preparatory school that serves pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students in Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale. Its Upper School (grades 9-12) is located on the Fort Lauderdale campus. Pine Crest's outstanding academic curriculum and complete educational experience prepares students to become professional and community leaders. To learn more, please call 561.852.2801 or 954.492.4103 or visit <a href="https://www.pinecrest.edu">www.pinecrest.edu</a>.

Additional information can be found on the <u>SportsUnited website</u>, <u>Facebook page</u>, or contact Catherine Stearns, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, at 202-632-6437 and <u>StearnsCL@state.gov</u>.